

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 147

By Farmer

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Shelia Newman on her selection as the 2022-2023 Sevier County School System Grades PreK-4 Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest-quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Shelia Newman is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Newman has been selected as the 2022-2023 Sevier County School System Grades PreK-4 Teacher of the Year, a most befitting honor that recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a kindergarten teacher at Seymour Primary School, Shelia Newman has taught for five years; she is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Newman graduated from Johnson University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies in 2015 and a Master of Arts degree in Holistic Education in 2017; and

WHEREAS, an exceptional and influential leader in her community, Ms. Newman is part of the ELA Lead Teacher Program initiative, which is designed to build a tight-knit community within Sevier County schools and support literacy instruction; she also volunteers for various school events, festivals, and donation drives; and

WHEREAS, aside from her many professional accomplishments, Ms. Newman is active in her faith and frequently teaches in Children's Church; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Newman serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Shelia Newman truly epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Shelia Newman on being chosen as the 2022-2023 Sevier County School System Grades PreK-4 Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.